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AGENDA

Thursday, October 19, 2006

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Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**ITEM No 18**

Subject Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$94,100 in grant funds from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Austin Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001 to appropriate \$94,100 for the Austin Police Forensic Science Improvement Project

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$94,100 is available from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the grant period of October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007 No match is required

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached

Additional Backup Material

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☐ **Fiscal Note**☐ **Ordinance****For More Information** Cathy Ellison, Acting Chief of Police/974-5030

This action authorizes the City to accept \$94,100 in grant funding from the U S Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice. The grant period runs from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. No match is required. The total project cost is \$94,100. Funding will be used to support the purchase of an infrared spectrophotometer, digital camera equipment, and cartridge reference software. The infrared spectrophotometer will utilize a diamond cell and will not require samples to be mixed with salt, thereby reducing preparation and clean up time. The 15 digital cameras will allow for a complete conversion to digital photography, enabling technicians to immediately review photographs, reduce bracketing and ensure proper evidentiary documentation. The cartridge reference software will assist in identifying the characteristics of guns used in the commission of crimes by quickly identifying head stamps, calibers, and manufacturers. This grant addresses the Police Department goal of improving efficiency and effectiveness in order to provide information for daily operations, analysis and strategic planning, and to increase the likelihood of the successful prosecution of criminals. It also addresses the Forensic Science Service activity goal of providing the timely and accurate forensic science and operational support to APD, local law enforcement and judicial agencies so they can successfully resolve investigations.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS**
2 **AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 AUSTIN POLICE**
3 **DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20060911-001**
4 **TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.**
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6 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**
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8 **PART 1.** The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$94,100 in grant funds from the U S
9 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice

10 **PART 2.** The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Austin Police Department
11 Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001 to appropriate
12 \$94,100 for the Austin Police Forensic Science Improvement Project

13 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____
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15 **PASSED AND APPROVED**
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18 _____, 2006

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20 Will Wynn
21 Mayor
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23 **APPROVED:** _____

24 David Allan Smith
25 City Attorney
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ATTEST: _____

Shirley A Gentry
City Clerk